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Application No.: 09/785,464
Filing Date: February 20, 2001
Applicant: Shinji Yoshihara et al.
Group Art Unit: 2823
Examiner: Deven M. Collins
Title: Semiconductor Device with Flat Protective Adhesive Sheet and Method of Manufacturing the Same
Attorney Docket: PM 277172 (4041J-0478/DVA)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2002, Paper No. 4, please consider the following.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant has included a Fee Transmittal with this response for such extension of time.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 6 to 28, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 106.
- II. Claims 1 to 5, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 666+.


Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with invention II. Claims 1 to 5, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 666+. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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